

# Iron County Register

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FOR PRESIDENT:  
WM. JENNINGS BRYAN  
On a Platform to fit the Candidate's  
Unimpaired Integrity and Democracy.

THE money stringency was, I believe, to have been rung out with the ringing in of the glad New-Year. Hum!

"THE party that does things" must be sawing wood just now, for it isn't sayin' nothin' to nobody about prosperity an' sich.

THE asset currency bill is phenomenal in its badness, but it will be put through all the same. It bears the seal of the High Finance Captains' Association.

How vexing to my Republican contemporaries that the panic did not delay its coming for a few months. In that event, it could have been attributed to the "business interests" "discounting" the possibility of an incoming Democratic administration. Too bad! Too bad!

THE San Francisco courts have decided that Mayor Schmitz and Abe Ruef were not guilty of any crime when they extorted money from the French restaurateurs in return for immunity from punishment for violation of the law. The way of the courts is past finding out—before they get through.

At a church benefit given by the St. John's Lutheran Sunday School at Boyertown, Pa., a gasoline explosion caused a fire, and in the panic ensuing seventy-five lives were lost, last Monday night. The Rhoads Opera House, in which the entertainment was held, was completely destroyed. Many children were crushed to death or perished in the flames. God help the bereaved!

It has become the practice with Republican officials of high and low degree to assume the prerogative of dictating their successors. It is an insolent assumption that ought to be summarily rebuked by the people. I hear that Attorney-General Hadley, following the example of High Dictator Roosevelt, wants to name John Kennish as his successor in office, and that he is wroth with N. T. Gentry because the latter gentleman dares aspire to the position. Gentry is a Republican—more's the pity!—but our people here have a kindly feeling for him. He is the one official of the Jefferson City hotch-potch who stood for law enforcement when the murderers of Sheriff Polk were convicted.

I FIND this in Collier's (New York City), January 11:

Missouri faces a clear choice, with no confusion in it: on the one hand, William J. Stone, a politician of the old and happily diminishing school, who has no claim whatsoever on the favor of intelligent citizens, and on the other Joseph W. Folk, a Governor of leadership in the moral progress of the country, of high principle, and of successful administration. Doubt in such a case should be impossible.

How oracularly this editor talks from afar! He settles the right of our Senatorial contest incontinent. Yet, I take it, the people of Missouri will determine this matter to suit themselves. The Democrats of this commonwealth feel fully competent to the task, and are as acute judges of what conduces to the "moral progress of the country" as any Down-Easter in the land. The saying's old and mostly true, "This distance lends enchantment to the view," and it applies as well to spectacular Reform and Reformers as to the Cambrian mountains.

WITH double the amount of currency, per capita, in the country that was existent when the "Cleveland hard times" prevailed—so called by the Party of Trusts and Monopoly—Congress now hypocritically assumes that the present business depression is consequent upon a money famine. Nothing could be further from the truth, and every "captain of finance" in and out of Congress knows it. But the specially favored money-brokers—the parasites on labor and production—take advantage of the nation's distress to get a still surer clutch on its throat. The Aldrich asset currency bill seeks to extend the circulation of national bank notes by authorizing said banks to issue hundreds of millions of currency based upon State, county, railroad and other bonds. Heretofore and now, United States bonds, only, have been and are available under the law for this purpose. The measure now before Congress is as dangerous and corrupting in possibilities as the Populistic sub-

treasury scheme laughed at and ridiculed into oblivion a few years ago. I remember that when the national banking system was established an apology to the people went out from the dominant party along with the enactment. It was admitted that the scheme was one of doubtful wisdom under ordinary circumstances; but the exigencies of the war were pleaded in extenuation, and a solemn promise was given that the national banks should go with the passing of the struggle for the maintenance of the Union. But when the war was finally concluded the banks had grown so powerful, and their beneficiaries had become so closely allied with the party dominating the government, that the makeshift was made permanent. Now, with no honest, patriotic reason for their being, it is designed to still further extend the power, the capabilities and the influence of these banks. To one familiar with the financial history of this country for the past fifty years, the one attribute of the money-brokers which stands pre-eminent is their effrontery; but it is fully counterbalanced by the stupidity and "easiness" of their victims.

THE much talked of and long looked for petition to resubmit the question of local option to the voters was filed with the county clerk Monday, and was continued till Thursday by the county court. Wednesday, Prosecuting Attorney W. R. Hall filed a writ of prohibition issued by Judge Fort against the county court, restraining them from taking any action in the matter, and citing the county court to appear before the circuit judge February 10th, at Kennett. From what we can learn, Judge Fort holds that the question once voted "dry, always dry." This opinion is said to be based on a recent ruling of the supreme court in the Fuls case. Judge Gantt, in the Fuls case, held that a man can give away whiskey to a friend for social purposes. Judge Gantt, in construing the session acts adopting the local option law, passed in 1887, page 182, section 7, states that the law can have nothing new in the body of the law that is not in the caption, and as there was nothing in the caption prohibiting the giving away of whiskey there could be nothing in the body of the chapter. (Constitution, article 1, section 28; again in the revised statutes 1899, section 3033.) Judge Fort thinks, if Judge Gantt was right in the Fuls case, that it is illegal to submit the question of local option again, as there is nothing in the caption calling for another election.—Dunklin County Herald.

Good for Judge Fort! He hits the Supreme Court just where it ought to be jolted. The plea on which Judge Gantt invalidated the "giving away of whiskey" clause of the local option law was, in my unlearned opinion, an evasion of the merits of the case. What he ought to have ruled was that the statute was destructive to personal liberty and an infraction of the Bill of Rights, as well as a tyrannous and damnable invasion of the privacy of the home; that the assumed right to establish by law the liquid and solid refreshments a host may set before his guest, in the name of proper social restraint, is a *reductio absurdum*; that in behalf of the public welfare and the morals of the people, our legislators could as justly and reasonably establish the temperature to be maintained in the rooms, the number of meals to be served and the constituent parts thereof—all branded puddings, pies and sauces barred under double penalty—and the weight, fineness and cleanliness of the bed-clothing furnished for the accommodation and comfort of the guest aforesaid. But no! Least offense be given to art in ratification, a fine-spun technicality must be employed, and the end desired so attained. That's the way it looks to me; but, then, I'm of very common, unpottered clay, with no special training to sharpen my wits to hair-splitting, which, I am told, is as enticing to minds legally versed as is draw-poker to a skilled sport, or a game of craps to a common steamboat nigger. My best regards to Judge Fort for this good thing he has done in his advocacy of a cause which I consider fraught with more danger and wrong than Ingersoll's "liquid sunlight" has brought upon men since the world began.

THE Chicago Public of last week closes with the following paragraphs a long and instructive editorial on the business depressions and their causes for the past two hundred years—recurring at nearly regular intervals in this country since the government was established:

A year ago every one "who was any one," thought he was getting rich. Times were as flush in the United States as they had been in Holland at the height of the tulip craze, as they had been in France at the height of the Mississippi venture, as they had been in England at the height of the South Sea speculation, as they had been in the United States just before every previous depression, from the first to the sixth. Speculation was rife; monopolies

were rising in value; land in promising situations, invited investment at more than it was worth for use; fortunes were turned over and over in Wall street, where speculative interests in land have found their readiest market in the form of corporation stocks; business was lively at small profits for managers and a "living wage" for workers; and the happy-go-lucky optimist beamed. But confidence began to sag here and there. Mr. Morgan's was probably the first to go, for he made no investments after 1903, but turned millions of his interests into gold and into demand loans tightly secured. Gradually the word spread that personal expenditures were falling off, that collections were "hard," that some investments were not so good as they had been. Then there came a flurry, a puff of wind on the summer seas of finance, which carried down some business craft and warned others to trim sail. That was in August. In October the storm broke. When the banks, for no reason apparent to most business men, stopped cash payments, it was clear enough to all but the fatuous or the crooked that the depression was here. The banks did not close for lack of money. It was for lack of confidence in the value of securities they held as collateral—securities which for the most part were titles in some form form to speculative interests in some kind of land. They were in the plight of those money lenders of Amsterdam who had lent on the security of interests in tulip bulbs at 60 per cent. of market value, and now saw tulip values receding.

There may be fluctuations before the worst comes, but it is all too evident that we have entered upon one of those periodical depressions of which the tulip craze is a whimsical instance, and the South Sea bubbles were primitive examples, and which in this country may be catalogued as the depressions of 1784-90, 1800-19, 1837-42, 1857-62, 1873-82, 1893-98, and 1907-??—the final date of the last being as yet a secret of the industrial fates.

A great offering in cloaks at B. N. Brown's.

FOR SALE—My residence in Middlebrook. Price, \$550. A bargain. T. T. SEITZ.

**CASTORIA**  
Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*

## PROBATE DOCKET

Term Docket of the Probate Court of Iron County, Mo.—February Term, A. D. 1908.

Monday, February 10th.

Matters continued from last term and allowances against estates.

Arthur Huff, Administrator with will annexed of estate of Harriet H. Emerson, deceased.

Phillip Cogan, Executor of the will of James P. Thomas, deceased.

John W. Alcorn, Guardian of the person and Curator of the estate of Grace May Strother, a minor. Final.

Adelia A. Tribbe, Executrix of the will of William L. Tribbe, deceased. Final.

Albertine Gosney, Administratrix of the estate of Samuel H. Gosney, deceased.

Tuesday, February 11th.

Annie Backof, Administratrix of the estate of Robert C. Backof, deceased. Final.

Wm. Dunn, Administrator of the estate of H. B. Dunn, deceased.

Wm. Dunn, Administrator of the partnership estate of Dunn & Hall (H. B. Dunn, deceased, and N. Huff).

Wm. Dunn, Administrator of the partnership estate of H. B. Dunn, deceased. Wm. Dunn and Elvira Dunn.

Wednesday, February 12th.

Mollie F. Bartlow, Executrix of the will of Thomas B. Bartlow, deceased. Final.

Elizabeth Elsmann, Executrix of the will of Christian Elsmann, deceased.

Dr. William H. Farrar, Executor of the will of Dr. George W. Farrar, Sr., deceased.

W. T. Gay, Guardian of the person and Curator of the estate of George S. Gilman, a minor.

John C. Horn, Guardian of the person and Curator of the estate of Roy Bisplinghoff, a minor.

John C. Horn, Guardian of the person and Curator of the estate of Bessie Bisplinghoff, a minor.

Thursday, February 13th.

Henry Mallon, Executor of the will of Mary Webber, deceased.

Henry Mallon, Curator of the estate of Henry Webber, a minor.

Henry Mallon, Curator of the estate of Annie Webber, a minor.

B. C. Fitts, Guardian of the person and Curator of the estate of Edgar Fitts, a minor.

Friday, February 14th.

W. N. Tims, Guardian of the person and Curator of the estate of Nannie Dunn, a minor.

W. N. Tims, Guardian of the person and Curator of the estate of Bert Dunn, a minor.

W. N. Tims, Guardian of the person and Curator of the estate of Julia Dunn, a minor.

W. N. Tims, Guardian of the person and Curator of the estate of Edith Dunn, a minor.

Saturday, February 15th.

Albert Radford, Guardian of the person and Curator of the estate of Maud E. Radford, a minor.

Emma J. Yount, Guardian of the person and Curator of the estate of Pearl Yount, a minor.

Emma J. Yount, Guardian of the person and Curator of the estate of Geraldine Yount, a minor.

Emma J. Yount, Guardian of the person and Curator of the estate of Orla Yount, a minor.

Emma J. Yount, Guardian of the person and Curator of the estate of Verner Yount, a minor.

E. L. BARNHOUSE, Probate Judge and Ex-Officio Clerk.

## NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Anna Backof, Administratrix of the estate of Robert C. Backof, deceased, will make final settlement of her accounts with said estate as such Administratrix at the next term of the Probate Court of Iron County, Missouri, to be holden at Ironton, in said county, on the 10th day of February, A. D. 1908.

ANNA BACKOF, Administratrix.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Mollie F. Bartlow, Executrix of the estate of Thomas B. Bartlow, deceased, will make Final Settlement of her accounts with said estate as such Executrix at the next term of the Probate Court of Iron County, Missouri, to be holden at Ironton, in said county, on the 10th day of February, A. D. 1908.

MOLLIE F. BARTLOW, Executrix.

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\$1.50 and \$1.75 values reduced to \$1.25.

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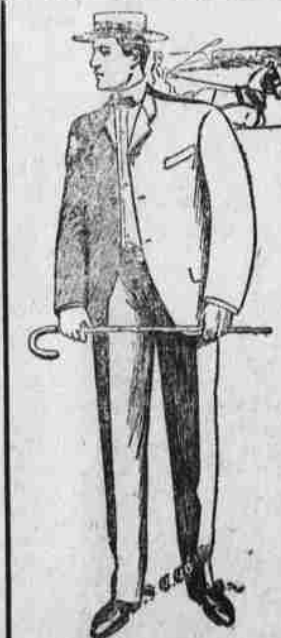
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